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If the purpose of the legal assault against Microsoft is protection of the consumer , please explain how this "consumer "/taxpayer is protected? I lost much of my retirement nest egg because of the stockmarket response to the DOJ action; and, further, I would like to know how much this suit has cost the taxpayers, both in government costs as well as legal costs Microsoft has had to pass on to consumers. Very costly "protection"!!!! Hart Slater, 835 Shenandoah Road, Lexington, Virginia

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